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SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH LECTURE AT KNCC TUESDAY NIGHT TO COMMEMORATE  
18TH ANNIVERSARY OF APRIL 19 STUDENT REVOLUTION CAME OFF  
WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT, RUMOR HATH IT THAT RALLY AT  
SNU LAST FRIDAY DID RESULT IN DETENTION OF SEVERAL STUDENTS,  
AND OPPOSITION GROUPS DEMONSTRATED AT 4.19 CEMETARY WEDNESDAY  
MORNING. END SUMMARY.

1. VARIOUS SOURCES REPORT THAT A RALLY ON APRIL 14 AT SEOUL  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU) SPONSORED BY THE SNU STUDENT DEFENSE  
CORPS TO PROTEST ALLEGED U.S. BUGGING OF THE BLUE HOUSE  
ASSUMED AN ANTI-ROKG COLORATION WHEN, AFTER CONDEMNING BUGGING,  
STUDENTS THEN ASKED FOR INVESTIGATION OF ROKG BUGGING OF  
CITIZENS' CONVERSATIONS, AND SHOUTED OTHER SLOGANS EMBARRASSING  
TO ROKG. REPORTS SAY DEMONSTRATION WAS THEN QUICKLY DIS-  
SOLVED BY POLICE AND THAT SOME STUDENTS MAY HAVE BEEN  
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DETAINED. SOURCES HAD NOT OBSERVED EVENT AT FIRST HAND,  
BUT RUMORS DESCRIBING INCIDENT ARE WIDESPREAD.

2. ON APRIL 18, KOREA (KORYO) UNIVERSITY CARRIED OUT  
ITS TRADITIONAL OBSERVANCE OF APRIL 19 STUDENT REVOLUTION  
WITHOUT MISHAP. CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY KORYO'S  
PRESIDENT, KIM SANG-HYOP, AND ABOUT ONE HUNDRED OF

SCHOOL'S STAFF AND STUDENTS.

3. LECTURE SPONSORED BY KOREAN CHRISTIAN STUDENTS' FEDERATION AT KNCC BUILDING WAS HELD APRIL 18, AS SCHEDULED (REFTEL), WITHOUT APPARENT DISORDER OR DETENTIONS. DISSIDENT POST KO UN SPOKE FOR ABOUT 90 MINUTES. PLATFORM WAS THEN TAKEN BY MUN IK-HWAN, WHO READ "A DECLARATION FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE, AND TRUTH ON MARCH FIRST MEMORIAL DAY", A LENGTHY DOCUMENT WHICH HE CLAIMED HAD BEEN READ ALOUD AT SEOUL HOUSE OF DETENTION (SODAEMUN PRISON) BY POLITICAL PRISONERS LAST MARCH FIRST. DECLARATION CLOSES WITH SEVEN DEMANDS, ESSENTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: A) ABOLISH THE YUSIN CONSTITUTION, B) REPEAL EM-9, C) DOWN WITH THE PRESENT REGIME, D) GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, E) STOP OPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, F) GUARANTEE LABOR RIGHTS, AND G) RELEASE ALL DEMOCRATIC PRISONERS.

4. PAEK KI-WAN TOOK PLATFORM NEXT, TO READ "APRIL 19 DECLARATION" WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN READ BY HAM SOK-HON EARLIER APRIL 18 AT HOME OF FORMER PRESIDENT YUN PO-SON. DECLARATION, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY ABOUT FORTY PERSONS, INCLUDING ALL FORMER MYONGDONG PRISONERS, ENDS WITH FOUR POINTS, AS FOLLOWS: A) REGARDING UNIFICATION POLICY, THE TRIPARTITE TALKS ARE A TRICK OF THE P'YONGYANG REGIME. FIRST RESTORE DEMOCRACY, THEN ADOPT A UNIFICATION POLICY THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND; B) OPEN THE WAY FOR A PEACEFUL CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT; C) THE ELECTION FOR NCU DELEGATES IS NO MORE THAN A DEVICE FOR PROLONGING THE RULE OF THE DICTATOR; IT MUST BE REJECTED (THIS POINT DREW THE MOST APPLAUSE); AND D) RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.

5. LECTURE HALL WAS PACKED WITH ABOUT 500 PEOPLE, MOSTLY COLLEGE STUDENTS. POLICE WERE PRESENT OUTSIDE IN FORCE, BOTH IN UNIFORM AND IN PLAIN CLOTHES, BUT CROWD DISPERSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

6. NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN CHONG TAE-CH'OL TOLD EMBOFF THAT, WHEN HE VISITED 4.19 CEMETARY WEDNESDAY ABOUT 1100, HE SAW TWO DEMONSTRATIONS THERE. FIRST, ORGANIZED BY CHRISTIAN DISSIDENTS, HAD ATTRACTED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE. WHEN POLICE BROKE IT UP, THEY PUT ABOUT HALF THAT NUMBER ON THEIR BUSES, BUT WHETHER ANY WERE BOOKED OR DETAINED IS UNKNOWN. SECOND DEMONSTRATION, ORGANIZED BY DUP, ATTRACTED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE, BUT POLICE DID NOT DISTURB THEIR ACTIVITIES. NDP OFFICIALS WERE ALSO PRESENT BUT DID NOT CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION. SNEIDER

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